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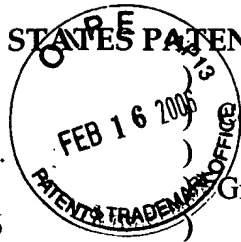
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In re Patent Application of :

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences the non-final rejection (mailed November 17, 2005) of claims **1-51** in the above-captioned patent application.

A Response to Office Action is filed concurrently herewith to urge the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the claim rejections.

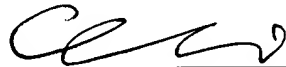
Since the November 17, 2005 Non-final Office Action was issued upon re-opening of the prosecution in view of Applicants' Appeal Brief filed on February 16, 2005, Applicants hereby exercise the option of initiating a new appeal. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due with this filing.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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